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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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<p>1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of <u>5</u> sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).</p> <p>These annexes consist of a total of <u> </u> sheets.</p> <p>3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basis of the report II <input type="checkbox"/> Priority III <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-establishment of report with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability IV <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of unity of invention V <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement VI <input type="checkbox"/> Certain documents cited VII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain defects in the international application VIII <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certain observations on the international application 		
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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **elements** of the international application:*

the international application as originally filed.



the description:

pages 1-91 as originally filedpages NONE filed with the demandpages NONE filed with the letter of _____.

the claims:

pages 92-101 as originally filedpages NONE as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19pages NONE filed with the demandpages NONE filed with the letter of _____.

the drawings:

pages 1-299 as originally filedpages NONE filed with the demandpages NONE filed with the letter of _____.

the sequence listing part of the description:

pages NONE as originally filedpages NONE filed with the demandpages NONE filed with the letter of _____.2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language _____ which is:



the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).



the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).



the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

contained in the international application in printed form.



filed together with the international application in computer readable form.



furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.



furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.



The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.



The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:the description, pages NONEthe claims, Nos. NONEthe drawings, sheets/fig NONE5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).

** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

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III. Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

1. The question whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non-obvious), or to be industrially applicable have not been and will not be examined in respect of:

- ☐ the entire international application,
☒ claims Nos. 4-44 and 46-51

because:

- ☐ the said international application, or the said claim Nos. _____ relate to the following subject matter which does not require international preliminary examination (*specify*):

- ☐ the description, claims or drawings (*indicate particular elements below*) or said claims Nos. _____ are so unclear that no meaningful opinion could be formed (*specify*):

- ☐ the claims, or said claims Nos. _____ are so inadequately supported by the description that no meaningful opinion could be formed.

- ☒ no international search report has been established for said claims Nos. 4-44 and 46-51

2. A meaningful international preliminary examination cannot be carried out due to the failure of the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing to comply with the standard provided for in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions:

- ☐ the written form has not been furnished or does not comply with the standard.
☐ the computer readable form has not been furnished or does not comply with the standard.

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PCT/US03/34801**V. Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement****1. STATEMENT**

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1-3 and 45</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims <u>1-3 and 45</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-3 and 45</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

2. CITATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

Claims 1-3 and 45, with respect to considered species SNP at 16802968) meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(3), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest a method for detecting a predisposition to type II diabetes that utilizes the detection of a polymorphism in a SLIT-3 nucleic acid.

Claims 1-3 and 45 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(4), and thus have industrial applicability because the subject matter claimed can be made or used in industry.

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VIII. Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the questions whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

Claims 1-3 and 45, as they relate to species SNP at 168029068 are objected to as lacking clarity under PCT Rule 66.2(a)(v) because of the claims not fully supported by the description. The description does not disclose the claimed invention in a manner sufficiently clear and complete for the claimed invention to be carried out by a person skilled in the art because: The claims are drawn to detecting a predisposition to developing type II diabetes by detecting a polymorphism in a SLIT-3 nucleic acid. The claims are broadly drawn to include the use of any possible polymorphism within a SLIT-3 nucleic acid. The description teaches a sequence provided in figure 10 which is a SLIT-3 nucleic acid, and gives a list of polymorphisms within this gene in Table 11. The description does not provide an analysis of any or all of these individual SNP, in particular not for the SNP at position 168029068. It is highly unpredictable which SNP within the SLIT-3 nucleic acid will be reliably associated with the phenotype type II diabetes, and thus, for the broad claims the description does not provide adequate enablement. Likewise, it is highly unpredictable whether or not the single polymorphism 168029068 will be associated with the phenotype type II diabetes and so even for the claim 3 which was considered for this polymorphism the practice of the claimed invention is not enabled at least because of the lack of teaching in the description and the highly unpredictable nature of the invention.